



**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
August 6, 2008**

This meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 6, at 10:30AM. The members met at MDOT in the Board Room.

Acting Chair Mario VillaSanta chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 10:39AM. The July minutes were not available and will be distributed in the September mailout for approval.

Mr. Beam reported that there were no dedication issues for the Commission at the time of the meeting.

The Commission then heard from Mr. John Kuo and Mr. Joseph Colden of the Motor Vehicle Administration regarding the Vehicle Emission Inspection Program. (available upon request) The Commission inquired about the status of the program in Washington County, and Mr. Kuo said that he would get that information out to the Commission members. (attached). Mr. Ellis asked about the \$14 inspection fee and how much of the remainder of the program had to be assumed by the taxpayers. Mr. Kuo replied that the cost is now at a “break-even” point and there is no additional charge to the taxpayer. The Commission thanked Mr. Kuo and Mr. Colden for the briefing and stated that they would await the Washington County information.

Mr. Beam then introduced Mr. Donald A. Halligan, the new Planning Director for MDOT. Mr. Halligan gave some background to the Commission regarding his credentials and past work experience in transportation planning. He stressed how MDOT will need to work more closely with their planning counterparts throughout the state to facilitate more coordinated efforts for land use and infrastructure. The Commission thanked Mr. Halligan for coming to the meeting.

Hearing no further issues, the Commission adjourned at 11:44AM.